

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN CAROLYN SQUIRES**, on March 28, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Carolyn Squires, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)  
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)  
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)  
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)  
Sen. Larry Jent (D)  
Sen. Rick Laible (R)  
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)  
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)  
Sen. Jim Shockley (R)  
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch  
Lois O'Connor, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 8, 3/20/2007; SR 9, 3/20/2007  
Executive Action: SR 8

00:00:02

**HEARING ON SR 8**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:57 **PATTI KEEBLER, OFFICE OF THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR BRIAN SCHWEITZER for SEN. CAROLYN SQUIRES (D), SD 48,** opened the hearing on **SR 8**, Confirm certain gubernatorial appointees.

**EXHIBIT**(sts66a01)

**Proponents' Testimony:** None.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:02:29 Ms. Keebler for Sen. Squires

**HEARING ON SR 9**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:41 **PATTI KEEBLER, OFFICE OF THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR BRIAN SCHWEITZER for SEN. CAROLYN SQUIRES (D), SD 48,** opened the hearing on **SR 9**, Confirm Stan Boone as member of Board of Livestock.

**EXHIBIT**(sts66a02)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:36 Stan Boone, Governor's Nominee, Board of Livestock

00:20:09 Bill O'Connor, Attorney and friend of Mr. Boone

00:22:01 Sen. Ken Hansen, SD 17, Chairman, Senate Agriculture and Livestock Committee

00:24:29 Dennis McDonald, former President, Montana Cattlemen's Association

00:26:15 Mark Boone, Son

00:31:47 Paul Ringling, Ekalaka

00:33:02 Brad DeBruycker, President, Montana Cattlemen's  
Association

00:34:37 Jerry Seieletz, Montana Cattlemen Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:35:35 John Blomquist, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

**EXHIBIT (sts66a03)**

00:41:12 Sen. Keith Bales, SD 20

00:46:36 Sen. Jim Peterson, SD 15

00:53:56 Jake Cummins, Vice Chairman, Montana Farm Bureau  
Federation (MFBF)

00:56:52 Sen. Donald Steinbeisser, SD 19

00:57:45 Jack McGuinness, Quarter Circle Cattle

01:00:57 Pat Anderson, State Livestock Inspector, Montana  
Department of Livestock

01:03:45 Jack Wiseman, Retired Brand Enforcement Administrator,  
Montana Department of Livestock

01:05:01 Sen. Bill Tash, SD 26

01:08:14 Boone Jones, Montana Department of Livestock

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:10:54 Sen. Jim Shockley to Mr. Boone, Governor's Nominee

01:21:02 Sen. Laible to Mr. Blomquist, MSGA

01:25:49 Sen. Dave Lewis to Mr. Boone, Governor's Nominee

01:31:14 Sen. Jeff Essmann to Mr. Boone, Governor's Nominee

01:34:19 Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella to George Harris, Acting  
Secretary, Board of Livestock

01:37:58 Sen. Cocchiarella to Mr. Boone, Governor's Nominee

01:43:35 Sen. Cocchiarella to Mr. Wiseman, Retired Brand  
Enforcement Administrator

01:46:55 Sen. Shockley to Mr. McGuinness, Quarter Circle Cattle

01:50:19 Sen. Steve Gallus to Mr. O'Connor, Attorney and friend  
of Mr. Boone

01:53:33 Sen. Shockley to Mr. O'Connor, Attorney and friend of  
Mr. Boone

01:54:22 Sen. Laible to Mr. McGuinness, Livestock Dealer and  
Rancher

01:58:17 Sen. Laible to Mr. Wiseman, Retired Brand Enforcement  
Administrator

02:00:57 Sen. Cocchiarella to Ms. Keebler, Governor's Office

02:01:57 Sen. Gallus

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:02:30 Ms. Keebler

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 8**

02:03:02 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. COCCHIARELLA moved that SR 8 BE  
ADOPTED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:10 P.M.

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SEN. CAROLYN SQUIRES, Chairman

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LOIS O'CONNOR, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([sts66aad.pdf](#))**